

ESP Kick-Off Workshop Project Plan Presentation

High Speed Combustion and Detonation

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Project Overview

Understanding the detonation-to-deflagration transition (DDT) in hydrogen.

Enable commercial use of hydrogren fuel

Mira allows first simulations at real scale and real Reynolds number 10⁷. Intrepid only

allows Reynolds number 10⁵.

Scientific Field: Combustion

Codes: FTT/ALLA



Computational Approach, Numerical Methods

Reactive Navier-Stokes direct numerical simulation

- equation of state (EOS), microscopic transport, and chemical kinetics suitable for hydrogen combustion
- Euler fluxes are calculated using a second-order accurate, Godunov-type, conservative scheme with a Riemann solver [13] and a monotone VanLeer reconstruction [12].
- Viscous, mass diffusion, and heat fluxes are calculated using second-order central differencing.

Adaptive Mesh Refinement

- Fully Threaded Tree, all tree operations parallel
- 2.6 integers per cell, less than oct-tree or threaded oct-tree
- We use the sound crossing time Courant stability criterion because it is more stringent than stability criteria for integrating parabolic-type Navier- Stokes terms with numerical resolution of the DNS DDT calculations of interest.



Parallelism and Existing Implementation

- Mesh distributed across MPI ranks using Morton ordering
- Adaptive mesh refinement and rebalancing every four timestep
- MPI plus OpenMP in physics/chemistry
- I/O: Using MPI-IO collectives



Library and Tool Dependencies

- **Libraries**
 - No external libraries
- **Tools**
 - Fttv for 2-D viz, VISIT for 3-D viz



Anticipated Modifications for Blue Gene/Q

- Improved load-balancing
 - Current scheme starts to fail at 32K MPI ranks
- Improved I/O, possibly in a background thread
 - Current OpenMP scaling is 3.3x for 4 threads; could sacrifice one thread to skip checkpoint steps
 - Current memory/rank supports keeping a copy of the data to dump
- **Automatic visualization of physics regions of interest**



Plan for Next 6 Months Effort

- Hire a postdoc
- Work on 3-D visualization through VISIT/VTK
- Work on I/O dump speed

